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December 8, 2004

Via Facsimile

Ms. Alva E. Smith
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5586
Florida Democratic Party, Respondent

Dear Ms. Smith:

Further to our telephone conversation this morning, on behalf of respondent Florida Democratic Party ("FDP"), we respectfully request an additional extension of four (4) days, in which to file a response to the Complaint in the above-referenced MUR.

The FDP is hosting the meeting of the DNC Executive Committee and Association of State Democratic Chairs this weekend in Florida and the election for new officers of the FDP itself is the following weekend. Given the normal post-election staff turnover, and these additional events, it will be difficult to obtain the necessary attention and information from FDP in time to file a response by this Monday, December 13, 2004, the current deadline.

If this request is granted, the response would be due on Friday, December 17, 2004.

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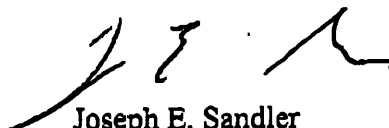
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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

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Joseph E. Sandler
Counsel for Respondent,
Florida Democratic Party

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